

APPENDIX G

CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT TEAMS

Chaplaincy Support Teams (CST), defined by TOE 16500LA and 16500LB, represent a supplemental capability for performing religious support. When mobilized, these teams increase the commander's ability to meet the religious needs of soldiers. There are two types of teams, designated as CST-A and CST-B. It is important to note CST-A and CST-B are augmentation resources, not replacements for active component unit ministry teams (UMTs).

CST-A

Mission:

- Religious support for replacements and Force Reception, Onward Movement (FROM) operations in marshaling areas and ports of debarkation.
- Reception, training, and acclimatization assistance to incoming UMTs.
- Religious support to units undergoing reconstitution.
- Religious support operations in a joint task force (JTF) headquarters during operations other than war.
- Area religious support.

Personnel:

- Two chaplains (one LTC and one MAJ).
- Three chaplain assistants (one SFC, one SPC, and one PFC).

Assignment

A CST-A is assigned to a Theater Army, Army Service Component Command, Corps or equivalent headquarters. It may also be assigned to a Task Force or JTF headquarters deploying without organic religious support assets.

Employment

A CST-A is used to augment religious support capabilities in rear areas, particularly in areas

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such as ports of debarkation and marshaling areas. Additionally, it can be used with Force Provider to provide religious support to units in transit. A CST-A can perform “spiritual reconstitution” activities for soldiers and even members of other unit ministry teams.

When there are high concentrations of soldiers in marshaling areas, a CST-A can divide into two teams to provide expanded area support.

CST-B

Mission:

- Augmentation of Area Support Groups (ASG) or Corps Support Group (CSG) UMTs for religious support in Logistics Support Areas (LSA).
- Religious support to units which do not qualify for organic religious support.
- Religious support to small units which deploy under the concepts of split-based operations or modularity and are without organic religious support.
- Religious support during Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO).
- Religious support to units undergoing reconstitution.
- Area religious support.

Personnel:

- One chaplain (CPT).
- One chaplain assistant (SPC).

Assignment:

A CST-B is assigned to Theater Army Area Command (TAACOM), Army Component Support Command (ACSCC), or Corps Support Command (COSCOM) to augment Area or Corps Support Group UMTs.

Employment

A CST-B can be attached to either a TAACOM, ACSCC, or COSCOM, and further attached to an area or corps support group to augment the capabilities of UMTs located in LSAs and base clusters. Augmented UMTs will employ a CST-B to fill gaps in religious support.